an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages.

(II) *Distance:–*

(a) *In normal areas:–* The minimum distance from the nearest existing post offices will be 3kms.

(b) *In hilly, tribal desert and Inaccessible areas*: The distance limit will be the same as above except that in hilly areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

(iii) *Anticipated income:–*

(a) *In normal areas:–* The anticipated minimum revenue will be 33 1/3% of Est.

(b) *In hilly, tribal, desert and Inaccessible areas:* The nimimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.

[English]

**Hydro Electric Projects**

3199. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON–CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the power potential capacity of Sharda river basin;

(b) the details of the Tanakpur project in the Sharda river basin; and

(c) the details of Dhauli–Ganga hydro electric project in pithoragarh district of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON–CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per the studies carried out in the Central Electricity Authority, the hydro–electric potential of the Sharda river has been estimated as 3008 MW at 60% load factor.

(b) Tanakpur Hydro–electric Project in Nainital District of Uttar Pradesh is a run–of–the–river scheme on river Sharda with a generating capacity of 120 MW. The project is expected to generate 460 MUs of electricity in a 90% dependable year. The project is likely to be commissioned in March, 1992.

(c) Dhauli-ganga Hydro–electric Project, Stage–I, in Pithoragarh District of U. P. is a run–of–the–river scheme with a generating capacity of 280 MW. The project is expected to generate 1134 MUs of electricity in a 90% dependable year. It is likely to be commissioned in Sept' 1998.

**Acquisition of Modern Equipments by Bangalore Airport**

3200. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bangalore airport has been equipped with modern equipments especially with Non-directional beacon, very high Frequency Directional range. Instrument Landing System and Distance Measuring Equipment;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any plan for expansion of Airports in Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, airport–wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Presently there are no plans.

**Expansion of Belgaum Airport**

3201. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of the Belgaum Airport:

(b) if so, the details thereof and when it is likely to be extended; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). No, Sir. The airport is fit for the operation of Avro type of aircraft commensurate with its traffic potential.

**Expansion of Madras Airport Runway**

3202. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be please to state:

(a) whether the International Airport Authority of India has proposed to extend the length of Madras Airport runway to attract international airlines;

(b) if so, the present length of the runway; and

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present length of the runway is 3063 metres (10050 feet).

(c) The runway is being extended by 595 metres to enable unrestricted operation of B.747–400 type of aircraft.

**Telecast of Proceedings of State Legislatures**

3203. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals have been received for telecast the proceedings of State Legislatures on Lines of Parliament; and

(b) if so, the details thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Request for telecasting the proceedings of some State Legislatures viz. Karnataka, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra have been received.

[*Translation*]

**Post Office in Gazipur District in Uttar Pradesh**

3204. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new post offices in the rural areas of Gazipur district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of post offices likely to be opened in the district during 1992?